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MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN RE: SABRINA A. LORING, R.N., A.N.P.	)	AMENDMENT TO
of South Portland, ME	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
License #R029171 & #AP081086	)	FOR LICENSE PROBATION

## INTRODUCTION

This document is an amendment to the November 13, 2007 Consent Agreement ("Agreement") under the terms in Condition 16 regarding Sabrina A. Loring's license to practice registered professional nursing and advanced nursing practice in the State of Maine. The parties to this amendment are Sabrina A. Loring ("Licensee" or "Ms. Loring"), Maine State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Office of the Attorney General, State of Maine. The Board met with Ms. Loring on June 3, 2010 regarding her request to reinstate her prescriptive authority to include Schedule II and III medications by amending the November 13, 2007 Agreement, which placed her nurse licensures on probation for a period of five years [Exhibit 1].

## **FACTS**

- 1. Condition 10 of the November 2007 Consent Agreement limits Ms. Loring's prescriptive authority for scheduled medications to Classes IV and V. On December 19, 2008, Ms. Loring petitioned the Board to amend her prescriptive authority; on April 22, 2009, the Board granted her request, amending the Agreement to expand her prescriptive authority to include Scheduled II and III medications [Exhibit 2].
- 2. On August 6, 2009, Ms. Loring disclosed to the Board that on July 8, 2009 she was charged with Operating Under the Influence ("OUI"). The Board met with the Licensee on September 13, 2009; she admitted a brief relapse in her sobriety, which was a breach of Condition 7(a) of her probation. Ms. Loring entered into treatment at Mercy Hospital Recovery Center, became active in Twelve-Step meetings, and attended Caduceus meetings on a regular basis. She also provided information that her drug screens with the Medical Professionals Health Program have been negative since the charge of OUI. The OUI charge was dismissed and Ms. Loring pled guilty to reckless driving on December 12, 2009.
- 3. As a result of Ms. Loring's relapse, the Board rescinded the April 22, 2009 Amended Consent Agreement on October 22, 2009, thus reinstating the original November 2007 restrictions to her prescriptive authority.
- 4. On December 10, 2009, Ms. Loring enrolled in the Medical Professionals Health Program ("MPHP"). The Clinical Director of MPHP reported to the Board through correspondence dated May 11, 2010 that Ms. Loring has been fully compliant with the program and has demonstrated "genuine commitment to recovery." Ms. Loring is active in Alcoholics Anonymous and attends Twelve-Step and Caduceus meetings on a regular basis.
- 5. On June 3, 2010, Ms. Loring met with the Board to again request amendment to the November 13, 2007 Agreement by expanding her prescriptive authority to include Scheduled II and III medications.

## AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

6. Condition 10 of Sabrina A. Loring's November 13, 2007 Consent Agreement is hereby AMENDED as follows:

Sabrina A. Loring understands and agrees that her prescriptive authority is amended to include Scheduled II, III, IV and V medications.

- 7. Sabrina A. Loring understands and agrees that this Amendment supplants Condition 10 of the November 13, 2007 Agreement.
- 8. Sabrina A. Loring understands and agrees that the Board will monitor her prescriptive practice through the State of Maine Prescription Monitoring Program.
- 9. Sabrina A. Loring understands and agrees that she will remain enrolled in the MPHP until her probation is terminated by the Board.
- 10. Sabrina A. Loring understands and agrees that the entire remaining Agreement of November 13, 2007 remains in full force and effect.
- 11. This Amendment becomes effective upon the date of the last necessary signature below.

I, SABRINA A. LORING, R.N., A.N.P., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT TO THE NOVEMBER 13, 2007 CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON MY LICENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, AND INTELLIGENTLY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AMENDMENT AND THE NOVEMBER 13, 2007 CONSENT AGREEMENT.

DATED: <u>8/7/10</u>

SABRINA A. LORING, R.N., A.N.P.

FOR THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

DATED: 8/15/10

MYRA A. BROADWAY, J.D., M.S., R.N.

**Executive Director** 

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DATED:

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